

I wish to express my support of the above petition. Most of the CW activity on the Amateur 160 meter band is weak signal intercontinental work done on the lower end of this band. Much research has been done regarding ionospheric propagation in this band using the CW mode. In the future it is reasonable to expect an expanded use of weak signal narrow banded modes in this band.

Use of SSB and other wideband modes is incompatible with the weak signal narrowbanded modes for a number of reasons as detailed in the petition.

I urge the commission to act favorably on this petition which will segment this band in a manner consistent with all other HF and VHF amateur allocations where mode specific band segments were defined in lieu of relying on mere gentleman's agreements. With the increase in activity that has taken place in the 1.8 to 2.0 MHz allocation, it is now time to act to ensure that all users can make the most efficient use of the spectrum. I believe this proposed rule making is clearly a step in this direction.

Respectfully,

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